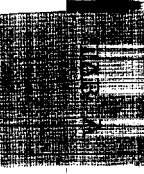


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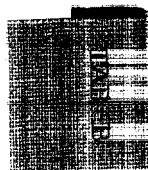
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Dear Dr. 

This is to confirm the earlier conversation you had with Ed Proctor concerning the establishment of a Military Economics Advisory Panel with you serving as chairman. I would like the Panel to advise me and the other members of the US Intelligence Board on questions concerning our analysis and reporting of defense spending in Communist countries. Your professional standing and personal contributions to many aspects of Soviet economics assures me that you are the right man to direct this consultative effort.

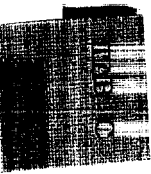
Ed Proctor will get in touch with you again to work out the details for the Panel's first meeting.

I would appreciate a brief reply affirming your availability for this important activity.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms  
Director

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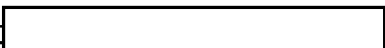
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Dear Dr. 

I am pleased to extend an invitation to you to serve on the Military Economics Advisory Panel to be chaired by Dr. 

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As indicated to you informally, the Panel will advise me and the rest of the US Intelligence Board on questions concerning the analysis and reporting by the Intelligence Community of defense spending in Communist nations.

I have asked Ed Proctor to contact you to provide the details for the first meeting of the Panel. I am anxious for the Panel to take up this complex and important subject as soon as possible.

I would appreciate a brief reply affirming your availability to serve on this Panel.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms  
Director